AUREA VINCULA

FOREST DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

1953 - 1954

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The third edition that comes your way
Proudly bears witness of progress we say.
Acknowledged defeats and jubilant victories
The flourishing spirit and pride in activities.
We, the editors of fifty-four,
Along with the work of many more
Whose contributions comprise the book
Their diligent work, their time we took.
The sea of young faces we welcome anew
For we bid farewell and must say adieu,
But our aim is to publish, this medium resorted
And may we consider our efforts rewarded.

—Wesley Shea.

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EDITORIAL

As the school year draws to a close we bring to you the third edition of our school year book. To those who so generously contributed their time and talent, we, the editors wish to say thank you.

For many of us this will be our last term at Forest District High School and as we leave to enter training for our chosen professions each of us must look ahead. We are going out into a land of promise, our Canada. For all of us there will be opportunities. Let us not fail to recognize and take advantage of them. To all of the graduates we wish good-luck and may you have all possible success.

We shall never be able to return to the happy, carefree High School life we are leaving but may we be able to return often in memory and through "Aurea Vincula", the Golden Link, our link between High School years and the years to come.

Editor: Lorein Galbraith

The Editorial Staff of Forest District High School is to be congratulated on the publication of our Year Book for 1953-1954. This has been a tremendous task but one undertaken spontaneously by everyone concerned because nothing else depicts as well the spirit and capabilities within our school.

It is a record of the customs and manners which are an integral part of our life here. It is a record of results of which we may be proud. It is a record of pleasant associations with others which will often be recalled.

A Year Book, too, reminds us that some of our students will not be back with us again. To members of the graduating classes may we extend our best wishes and sincere hopes for your future happiness.

As each of you goes on to further fields of endeavour, two familiar quotations are worth remembering—"A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" and "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of" May you keep your vision bright with the inspiration of these words. May your life and your country's life be enriched through your abilities and enthusiasms.

These abilities and enthusiasms have played their part in the achievement of our school's purpose. May the foundation provided by it be a firm base on which to build your own standards for the future.

—L. R. Mumford

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Graduating Class - 1954

EARL ALEXANDER		**ALMA BRIERS**
Saving money	*Hobby*	Double dating
Toad	*Nickname*	Pat
Learning to drive	*Ambition*	Emptying bed pans
Car accident	*Fate*	Doctor's wife

MASON BROWN		**SANFORD CAMERON**
Poolroom	*Hobby*	Blushing
Zeke	*Nickname*	Sammy
Growing money	*Ambition*	Cadet Corps
Seed cleaner	*Fate*	Dishonorable discharge

IRENE CLEMENS		**DOUGLAS DEW**
Telling stories	*Hobby*	School
Dimples	*Nickname*	Dewy
Detective	*Ambition*	Broadway
Ron G.	*Fate*	Farmer

HELEN DONALD		**LOREIN GALBRAITH**
Eating oranges	*Hobby*	Reducing
Cuddles	*Nickname*	Gabby
To wear a size 12	*Ambition*	150%
Shaking bags in McInnis' chop mill	*Fate*	Skinny

EILEEN KERNOHAN		**CHRISTINE LLOYD**
Cadets Sergeant Major	*Hobby*	Mass production
Kerny	*Nickname*	Old Crow
Shaking thermometers	*Ambition*	Summer holidays
Changing diapers	*Fate*	Lady wrestler

TED LUSCHER		**BLAKE McKAY**
Fighting Russians	*Hobby*	School
Louse	*Nickname*	Blushing Blake
To finish his boat	*Ambition*	Pilot
Swiss yodeler	*Fate*	Ground crew

ALAN MORNINGSTAR		**RONALD McINNIS**
Women	*Hobby*	Helen
Capone	*Nickname*	Gint
Millionaire	*Ambition*	Helen
Who knows?	*Fate*	Helen

GEORGE PLATER		**DONALD PYM**
Burlesque	*Hobby*	Photography
Plute	*Nickname*	Pymy
Gentleman	*Ambition*	The Karsh of Thedford
Wearing girdles	*Fate*	Flash bulbs

ELOISE PYM		**ROBERT RAWLINGS**
Collecting pencils	*Hobby*	Cowboy music
Yellow wheels	*Nickname*	R. C.
Miss Brooks	*Ambition*	None
George	*Fate*	Disc jockey

STANLEY SITTER		**WESLEY SHEA**
Another work of art	*Hobby*	Alice
Twitter	*Nickname*	Bimbo
To surpass Shakespeare	*Ambition*	Preacher
Intestinal necktie	*Fate*	Changing Partners

MARY ELLEN SITTER

Day dreaming	*Hobby*	Women
Tootsie	*Nickname*	Digger O'Dell
To climb Mt. Everest	*Ambition*	Undertaker
I forgot	*Fate*	Grave digger

LARRY HAWKINS

FRANK SEBO

Bumming cigarettes	*Hobby*	Wayne
Frunk	*Nickname*	Sheba
Road sander	*Ambition*	Marriage and 14 children
Making a dog shot	*Fate*	Frustrated old maid

SHEILA MELVILLE

JOE VANSTEENKISTE

Walking in woods	*Hobby*	Poetry and song
Passionate parson	*Nickname*	Oop
Pass Math	*Ambition*	Selling ladies underwear
Great expectations	*Fate*	Men's underwear

ALLEN RINKER

WESLEY WILLIS

To be a man	*Hobby*	Bob
Wee Willy	*Nickname*	Mugsy
6 foot 7 inches	*Ambition*	Farmer's wife
4 foot 2 inches	*Fate*	Stenographer

MARGARET PROUT

BLAIR YOUNG

Pocket Novels	*Hobby*	Bird watching
Young Blair	*Nickname*	Istanbeulah
Peaceful, contented bachelor	*Ambition*	Bull fighter
Hooked	*Fate*	Just shooting

STANLEY RUMFORD

PAULINE CHAMBERLAIN

Ballerina	*Ambition*
Taxi Driver	*Fate*
Bubble Gum	*Hobby*
Don't say that	*Favourite Saying*
Tiny	*Nickname*

KAYE GARDNER

To get married	*Ambition*
Dishwasher	*Fate*
Public speaking	*Hobby*
Oh, Roger!	*Favourite Saying*
K. Belle	*Nickname*

FLOYD McINTYRE

Einstein	*Ambition*
It exploded	*Fate*
Jean Laird	*Hobby*
"Well ah——"	*Favourite Saying*
Flea	*Nickname*

ROGER SUTHERLAND

Oop and Ike underwear	*Ambition*
Audrey	*Fate*
Shorthand	*Hobby*
"That's the way she goes"	*Favourite Saying*
Ike	*Nickname*

GRACE SIMPSON

Barbara Ann the II	*Ambition*
Sore behind	*Fate*
Fuller brush men	*Hobby*
Ruff	*Favourite Saying*
Little Beaver	*Nickname*

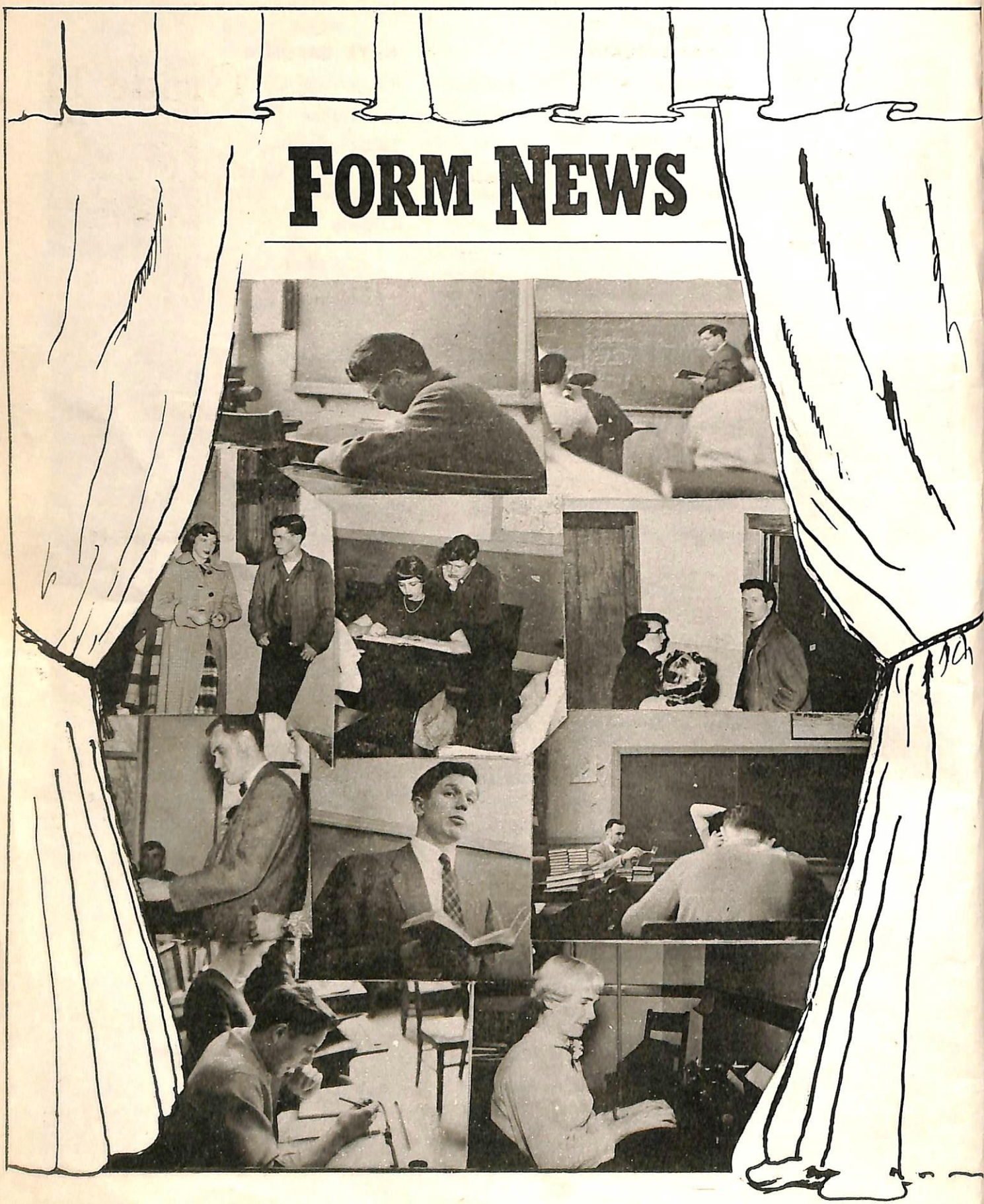
NORMA McKELLAR

Arkona vet	*Ambition*
Bob L.	*Fate*
Listening to the grass grow	*Hobby*
"All rightee"	*Favourite Saying*
Pancho	*Nickname*

JOAN THOMSON

Author of book on Commercial	*Ambition*
Car wrecker and shoulder crusher	*Fate*
Skipping school	*Hobby*
"Do your own work"	*Favourite Saying*
Jo	*Nickname*

FORM NEWS



. . Grade 13

Oh woman, oh woman, what can she be?
Whatever she is she's necessary.
Therefore we think:

Alma blushes sweetly,
Irene talks discreetly,
Helen's very charmful,
Lorein's a pleasant armful,
Eileen's not so bossy,
Christine's not so saucy,
Eloise's kind and good,
Mary Ellen's misunderstood.

So ends this little ditty
on the girls of our class.
It may not be so witty
But we hope that it will pass.

—Joe Vansteenkiste—13

Picture Sam Cameron without those blushes,
Picture Wes Willis without those crushes,
Picture George Plater not teasing girls,
Picture Don Pym with long, blonde curls,
Picture Al Morningstar not having his way,
Picture Luscher's mind not far away,
Picture Mr. Taylor without those braces,
Picture Blaire Young with feminine graces.
Picture Bob Rawlings with his Trig all done,
Picture Brown being kind to someone,
Picture Alexander without his grey hair,
Picture Wes Shea without Alice there,
Picture Stan Sitter not in trouble,
Picture Frank and Doug, you're not seeing double,
Picture McInnis not being a star,
Picture Joe and Blake just as they are,
Put them together and what have you got?
Our '54 grads. The men (?) of the lot.

Lorein Galbraith—13

Grade 12 . .

I was having lunch with Nursing Superintendent Peggy Elliott in the cafeteria at Sarnia General Hospital the other day and our conversation turned to our former classmates.

Many of them, including Marguerite Fuller, Edna Smith, Dona Scott, Phyllis Graham, Alice Rawlings and Mary Fisher are teachers, and Bob Adams has risen to the rank of public school inspector. Jean Karr and Marjorie Poulton are now running a girl's boarding school, and Shirley Page is a home economics teacher in London. Louis Falconer is the new geometry teacher at F.D.H.S. taking the place of Mr. Thiers who has retired and moved to Florida. Another new teacher at F.D.H.S. is Alice Armstrong who is teaching commercial. I was very sorry to hear that Edna Henderson had had a rather serious accident with the shot gun she was forced to carry to keep her biggest students in order. Fortunately she is recovering rapidly now.

Mary Douglas is a successful dress designer and is soon going to Paris with her secretary, Joan Macpherson. Dale Kenzie is now the owner of a chain of drug stores, and Bob Huctwith has retired at an early age after making his fortune as the owner of a button factory.

Nadine Sheridan has recently been promoted to Lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps and Mary Vivian is a popular Canadian television star. Mary Sue Sparling is married to a European nobleman and is now called Countess, and Thelma Borthwick is to be married to her third husband on Saturday. Marilyn Dale, after spending eight years getting her B.A. at U.W.O. has been on an extended vacation for the past few years

Tom Byrns and Steve Yanchula, famous engineers, are said to be working on plans to build a bridge across the Atlantic Ocean, and I was very surprised to hear that Howard Hodgson had become a missionary and is in Africa. Dale Pfile is making a great hit on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera and Doug White is making a name for himself in modern art circles. Craig Van and Wayne Walker struck oil in Alberta not long ago, but unfortunately it was on Don Buchanan's ranch and a bitter law suit followed, which has not been settled yet. Mr. Evans, our form teacher of '54 ran for parliament last year and was elected. Much of the credit for his victory must be given to his campaign manager Ervin Swanstrom. We understand that Mr. Evans is doing an excellent job of keeping the members of parliament awake.

—Jean James—12

. . Grade 11A

Mr. Thiers our master, tends us every day,
To save us from the line that very seldom strays.
We're petted and we're pampered say 11-B
But come with us just for a day and the truth you quickly see.
We're doing our homework quite peaceful at noon,
When in comes Pat Core singing a tune,
To rush Harley Jamieson is quite a feat,
Almost like yelling him out of his seat.
Thompson and the teachers don't see eye to eye,
Ask a certain teacher, and he'll tell you why.
Now in our French class with Professor Herr,
No homework done, (are we in a stir!)
Here, Lois Mary doth excell, (in a way),
"Pardon me, sir, what did you say?"
We have Earl, Glenn, Mary and Jane,
To get one hundred is their aim.
There's Barbara, Maxine and June,
In the band they play a tune.
Now there's Ruth with her bag of candy,
She says **"Neilsons"** are just dandy.
Bill Humphries by a lady doth sit,
He thinks Pat Finlay is just "it".
To read out loud she isn't able,
Our blushing and stammering Marian Cable.
Out into space Doris doth gaze,
When asked a question she seems in a daze.
Ron Evans' motto this phrase doth contain
"The Papers go through, whether sunshine or rain".
Senorita Venita attends as a rule,
But when there's a test she's never at school.
Gary Bloomfield is a Lakeside fan,
He follows every game,
And even though they lose a few he's loyal just the same,
Blake Maxfield and Jane Grey our class do represent,
Before the council they help decide, if the arena we should rent,
Marion, Earl, Lena and Betty are the ones that do remain,
But since a rhyme we cannot make, we still have them to name.
We've named them all and from their aims a poem have tried to make,
We sincerely hope that from this poem offence they do not take.

—M.L. and D.G.

Grade 11B . .

"GOSSIP COLUMN"
1960

George Huizinga, picking up the "Gabber-gaiter Special" remarked to his wife. "Deanna dear I see in the paper that:

Our former English Prof. L. R. Smith has quietly passed away while reading "Julius Caesar".

Stew Saul is still bullying his way through hockey and courting Miss Kae Pickard.

Marie Prout recently signed a contract with the "Ringling Bros." circus and is being featured as the "Hiccup Lady".

Everett Evans received serious injuries when his "Legs" became entangled in the revolving doors of the Metropolitan where he is chief window washer.

"ACCIDENT"—Glenn Walker and Bette Brandon while driving 15 miles per hour down the "Blind Line" became mixed up with a telephone pole.

Pat Finlay has acquired fame singing at the local funerals. P.S.—She supports her husband Bill Humphries.

Melford (Melvin? Melfield? Melville?) Huctwith was sent up the river for ten years **hard labour** for skinning a chicken alive.

Ronnie Webb, after ten years of anxious waiting and doing Com. has finally completed Grade XIII.

Roger Beaudoin is still serving detentions under supervision of Forest Council Member Mr. Hutchinson.

Dick Todd is proud proprietor of Rogers Pool Room.

—M. Gillatly—11-B

Grade 10A

A is for Anderson and Armitage
Who should be both locked in a cage.
B is for six both witty and quick
Two Belles, Borthwick, Bressette, Broderick, Buchanan,
You can just take your pick.

C stands for seven
All bound for heaven
Carruthers, Crawford, 3 Clarks,
Cousins and Churchman, very much in the dark.

D for Doherty and Delmage stands
The finest pair in all the lands.
E is for Eastman, Anne by name
Bound to acquire endless fame.

F is for Fisher true and game
We wish there were others just the same.
L is for Luscher dark and spicy
The boys all say she's luscious and nicey.

M is for Milliken, Miller and Manning
Before the exam they'll all be cramming.
P is for Patterson always ambitious
The things she concocts are really delicious.

R is for Richards and Recker too
These two can cook up quite a brew,
S is for Stewart, Shawkense, Stevens and Sharpe
They should give up school and practice the harp.

T is a girl her name is Turner
I bet she becomes a first class learner.
V for Vansteenkiste, Cy for short
Just think of the girls that he could court.

W for Wall, Blaine the name
He'll go home with any dame.
W for Wein knocks them all for a loop
And needless to say she's the first in the group.

This is our story
This is our rhyme
It would have been better
If we'd only had time.

—M. Recker, N. Broderick

. . Grade 10B

Crunch, crunch, crunch,
Marie and Shirley are eating their lunch,
We don't know why they eat so soon,
But I guess they just can't wait til noon.

John Cutting our sleepy boy,
Really believes in the real McCoy.

Marvin MacGregor a boy who wears glasses,
Tries his best to skip most classes.

Leo Simpson has a terrible thirst,
To leave the room he's always first.

Evelyn Lucas first in the row,
Turns and hits Bill an awful blow.

John Legue is our class clown,
He always stands up and never sits down.

Ron Gratton just adores his car,
But when he drives it he doesn't go far.

Janet Rawlings our dainty girl,
Her hair is always in perfect curl.

Roger Morningstar is a teacher's pest,
He is worse by far, than all the rest.

Dorothy Chamberlain likes to chew gum,
She stretches and says Ohum! Ohum!

Shirley Johnson our black-eyed beauty,
Tries her best to do her duty.

Joy Jamieson, B. Borthwick—10-B

. . Grade 9A

Name	Most Apparent Fault	Ambition	Fate	Favourite Sub
Grant Bernard	Smiling at girls	Hockey for Forest Lakesides	Stick boy	Baby-sitting
Allan Bald	Breathing	Communist for FBI	Just a Communist	Horror movies
Grant Benedict	Getting the measles	Teacher	Farmer	Getting the car
Ernie Butt	Going to school	King of Hobos	Collecting eggs	Sleeping
Marion Cockrane	Chewing gum	Shorthand expert	File clerk	English (???)
Joan Eastman	Chewing her pen	Secretary for Sir W. Churchill		
Melda Elliott	Being nice	The second Florence Nightingale	Rousing success	Mathematics
John Elliott	Leaving class to get a drink	To sit in the House of Parliament	Farmer	Girls especially?
Francis Bannister	Making excuses	Tonsonial expert	Farmer s wife	A boy in X B
Betty Jamieson	Answering in class	Nurse	Prunehead	Movies
Mary-Beth Luck	Eating too much	Opera singer	Working at Basket Factory	A worker at Forest Basket Factory
Joan Meadows	Chewing her finger nails	Stenographer for General Eisenhower	Housewife	English Comp.
Ken Mason	Looking at teachers	Shoe-shine boy	Dog catcher	Digging ditches
John Huzinga	Talking in class (Eng.)	King of North America	Garbage collector	Catching frogs
John Northwood	Not doing his homework	Snow shoveler in the Tropics	Playing football	Literature
Jackie Nichol	Gabby	Brilliant orator	Growing Nichels	Noonhaw
Grace Page	Wearing clothes	To live in an igloo	Contemporary of Dickens	Yellow and black Rolls-Royce
Elizabeth Pansegrau	Talking when she should be working	Music director at the North Pole	At the South Pole	??? in XI?
Ruth Rawlings	Making noises in Mr. Smith's class	Head of the Pirate Nursing Association	Pink, orange tree	Making eyes at the boys
Fred Robinson	Horse laugh	Hockey player	Playing marbles	Camping
Warren Richter	Laughing	Teacher	Dead and buried	Summer holidays
Shirley Strangway	Sticking out her tongue	Music teacher	Honky tonk piano player	Eating
Jean Sitter	Whispering to other girls	Nurse	Home Ec. teacher	Stepping on toes
David Smith	Making faces	President of the women's world	Girl in 10A	Getting the car
George Tominson	Spending money	Leader of the U.N.	Giant	George Tomlinson
Wilbert Vaughan	Doing nothing	Preacher	Beggar	Holidays
David Watson	Reading comics	To own a swimming pool at the South Pole	Cow puncher	Staying clear of teachers

Grade 9B . .

Mack Brown loves his school,
But he loves most a good game of pool.

A fair girl is Norma Brush,
But she is always in a rush.

In our class is Ross Campbell,
Who tries to do his work quite well.

If anyone's looking for good classmates,
Be sure to consider Nancy Cates.

Patricia Chamberlain's a very good sport,
Especially on the basketball court.

A mysterious girl is Gwendolyn Dodge?
Where is her enchanted lodge?

Blake Evans is a little brat,
He likes girls and things like that.

Ken Evans with hair as fair
Has somehow made Nancy care.

Audrey Fuller who is in 9-B
Is a sweet girl and very carefree.

Laura George to Forest goes,
In her very nicest clothes.

French and History we have already heard,
But do you all know Lucille Greenbird?

Peggy Hamilton in our class,
In her school work she is fast.

Beverley Harris in the front seat,
Is certainly very hard to beat.

Little Billy Holmes is the classroom clown,
When he finds out his marks he bounces
up and down.

A funny boy is Bruce Huntley,
And that is putting it very bluntly.

Lynne Johnson so they say,
Goes with Joe Sebo night and day.

Angus Kelly, though good with a wrench,
Is not so very good in French.

Anne Lester's as smart as she can be,
Because she's a student of Grade 9-B.

Howard Lester is not very old,
I wonder why he is so bold.

Gerald Lucas, a mischievous boy,
Has always got some kind of a toy.

English, French, Health and Math,
Are blocks in Margaret Marsh's path.

Allan McChesney, better known as Jerk,
Is there anything in that head to perk?

Shy and sweet is Helen McFarlane,
But she is Norman's little darlin'.

Marion McKinlay, one of the nicest girls,
Has very pretty blonde curls.

Donald McRorie is quite a lad,
And he is very seldom bad.

History, Geography, Math and Ag. Science,
Marilyn Morrison goes at with defiance.

Ag. Science is Esther Smith's failing,
But what is the use of much wailing?

Ron Stuart is quite a lad,
He's always in with the latest fad.

Do you know the ploughman Wilfrid Wight,
Who always tries to do things right?

Dona Wilde without the name,
Is sure to find her way to fame.

—Marlyne Morrison—9-B

. . Grade 9C

Name	Favourite Saying	Pet Aversion	Ambition	Probable Destiny
Anne W.	Oh you farmer	Craig	Stenographer	Who knows?
Joan C.		Homework	Interpreter	Genius
Keith L.	Holy Cow	Esther	Clock winder	Graveyard
Beatrice B.		Shows	Stenographer	
Elaine S.	Gosh	Eating	Teacher	Farmerette
Bernice W.	Gosh	Skipping homework	Air Force	Undecided
Ivan S.	I don't know	Eating breakfast	Farmer	Hired hand
Alma S.	'Golly'	Boys	Farmerette	Housewife
Roger Q.	'Hurry up'	Hockey	Farmer	Farmer
Pearl S.	"Heavens"	Giggling	Doctor	Nurse
Bob G.	You clown	Arlene	Navy	Husband
Betty Ch.	You horse	Blushing	Secretary	Typing love letters
Mary H.	High ya Babi	Brenton	Air Force	Housewife
Beverly E.	I don't know	Viola	Mechanic	Wiping windshields
Sandra K.	'Yee gads'	Charles	Weaver	Armed services
Glen E.	I am not	Elsie	Policeman	Jailbird
Marjorie W.	Holy Cow	Talking	Secretary	Farmerette
Jack M.	'Unrepeatable'	Skipping homework	Grade IX	Educated?
Betty D.	Gosh	Geography	Air Force	Stewardess
Mary P.		Bob	Nurse	Nurse
Dick F.	I don't know	Sleeping in class	Carpenter	Tester of mattresses
Darlene D.	'Really'	Boys	Teacher	Teaching her own (kids)
Doug P.	'O shut up'	Carving	Mechanic	Grease monkey
Elsie S.	O come on	Harry	Nurse	Harry's wife
Gary C.	"Wow"	Muriel	Undecided	A husband
Henry S.		Noises	Farmer	Clown in a circus
Donna K.	"I did not"	Ross	Secretary	Housewife
Ted L.	I'll flatten you	Janet Bell	Oil driller	
Joan Ed.	Holy Baldy	Wilson	Undecided	Raising a family
Gary W.		Quietness	Carpenter	Making doll houses

— A. Wilkinson, 9-B

Grade 9D . .

OUR LEADER

Selected to represent Forest at the "Leader's Club", sponsored jointly by the London Free Press and the University of Western Ontario, was 19 year old Frank Sebo, a Grade XIII student.

Frank's range of athletic activity is wide. He has participated in football, soccer, basketball, and track and field. However he selects football as his favourite sport pointing out that the game requires excellent physical condition and leads to better understanding between plays because of the team work necessary.

Throughout his academic life Frank has gained a passing standard each year and as President of the Students Council he is bearing the burden of his duties very well. A product of this hard work and attention to detail is his being chosen as leader and his winning of the award foı sportsmanship two years ago.

In whatever he has entered Frank has represented Forest High to the best of his ability and I'm sure that we all wish him every success in his chosen vocation and future athletic endeavours.

ACTIVITIES

HELEN TRICK—Our Blossom Queen— 1952-53

Rugby Team . .

Top: Left to Right: R. Sutherland, H. Hodgson, R. McInnis, S. Saul
Middle: Left to Right: D. Todd, D. Dew, R. Huctwith, A. Morningstar, G. Plater.
Bottom: Left to Right: Mr. Thiers, W. Walker, F. Sebo, R. Boudoin, G. Walker, S. Cameron.

The football team had an exceptionally successful season, winning the Forest, Glencoe, Petrolia, three school league, but finally running into difficulty and losing to Mount Forest at the W.O.S.S.A. finals

The first game against Glencoe was a one-sided contest in which the Forest team swamped the visitors by the score of 53-0. As the number of points counted rather than games this was an exceptionally good start. The second game in Glencoe was very similar to the first. Trailing in the first half the Forest team showed their superior stamina by going ahead and winning, 33-17.

The last half of the regular schedule was two games against Petrolia. This team seemed to be a much stronger club than Glencoe and the story is fairly told in the scores, first game 31-16, and second 18-17.

Thus Forest ended the season with a perfect score, a repeat of last year's performance.

In the finals the squad suffered by the slender margin of 28-27 their first defeat in two years at the hands of a tough well-trained, team from Mount Forest. The second game, a week later, on a slippery wet field saw Forest swamped to the tune of 22-0. We are looking forward to next year when we can try for our revenge.

It is certain there will be continued interest in rugby at F.D.H.S. as it is a perfect team game and the most interesting sport both to play and watch.

—A. Morningstar—13

. . Basketball

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Top scorer for the team was M. E. Sitter followed by M. Prout, H. Donald and E. Kernohan.

Back Row: Left to Right—B. Milne, Jean Karr, H. Donald, Mrs. Frazer, Coach

Front Row: Left to Right—M. Prout, G. Simpson, E. Kernohan (captain), M. Dale. Absent: M. E. Sitter

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Back Row—June Augustine, Jean Hodgson, Beverley Harris, Pat Chamberlain, Lynne Johnson, Mrs. Fraser, Coach

Middle Row — Marie Prout, Marilyn Stevens, Dona Scott, Jeanne Marsh.

Front Row — Nancy Cates, Bette Brandon, Maxine McLeod.

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Top: Left to Right—D. Dew, R. McInnis, G. Plater

Bottom: Left to Right—F. Sebo, W. Walker, H. Jamieson, Mr. Trusler, Coach

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Top: Left to Right—J. Miller, E. Lithgow, M. Recker, J. Stewart

Bottom: Left to Right — C. Clark, B. Wall, D. Donald, A. Anderson, Mr. Trusler, Coach

SOCCER TEAM

In spite of the fact that most members were also occupied by rugby the soccer team made a better showing this year than it has for some time. They qualified for the finals against Blenheim by defeating Glencoe and at this stage ran into much stiffer opposition. Although they were decisively defeated in the first of the three games they rallied in the second to lose by the slim margin of 1-0. This certainly should be encouraging for future soccer teams at Forest.

The team was composed of: D. Dew, G. Walker, R. McInnis (sub-captain), R. Webb, A. Rinker, J. Sebo, H. Hodgson, W. Walker (sub-captain), G. Plater, T. Byrnes, D. Ferguson, W. Willis, R. Sutherland, R. Huctwith, H. Jamieson, and F. Sebo (captain).

—Frank Sebo

FIELD DAY - 1953

This year our Field Day was held on October the second. For weeks everyone wore purple and white ribbons and were certain that their particular colour would win the greatest number of points during the day. The hopeful entrants panted over countless miles in preparation and moaned over aching bones and creaking muscles.

When the day finally dawned the weather provided some difficulty with showers every five minutes. At the beginning the "Whites" took the lead but the "Purples" team gained the advantage and ended as the victor.

The champions were:

Seniors—Ron McInnis (P), Christine Lloyd (P)

Intermediates—Stewart Saul (P), Barbara Seymour (P)

Juniors—Clarence Clark (P), Marianne Wein (W)

Juveniles—Henry Steinstra (P)

Stewart Saul was the school's top athlete with 21 points.

We all hope that the Field Day next year will be as successful as this one was. Maybe we will develop some Olympic talent. Who knows?

—Marianne Wein 10A

FIVE-SCHOOL MEET

The annual Five School Meet was held in Forest this year and there was ideal weather for the competition. It was a good day for Petrolia too as they won the championship again with Watford placing second and Forest filling the third position. Glencoe and Strathroy came fourth and fifth respectively.

On Saturday, October 17th, two bus loads of students went to the W.O.S.S.A. meet at London. The girls' bugle band filled one bus and the other was crowded with competitors and spectators. Again the weather made it a fine day for a track meet. Wayne Walker tied for first place in the Senior boys Championship by winning the 220 yard dash and placing second in the 100 yard dash. "The Senior Boys Pole Vault" was won by Frank Sebo. Considering the varied and excellent competition we may be proud of the showing achieved by the Forest athletes.

—Ron McInnis

The Inter-School Christian Fellowship

This organization of the I.S.C.F. has always a student audience to partake of the old story of the Love of Christ when it is held every Wednesday in one of the classrooms.

Since 1947 the meetings have been carried on successfully with their hearty singing, speakers (from every denomination), interesting discussions and with our goal set upon our motto "To know Christ and make Christ known".

Skating, sleigh rides and other activities tend to provide enjoyment for the many who attend. Our field representative, Reverend Neville Bathgate, from the upside down continent of Australia, always leaves a smiling crowd and a rich desire to centre our lives around the things of God.

Inspired by the Word of God we try to proclaim the simple but wonderful message of John 3:16:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life".

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Social Convener—Jean Karr, Irene Turnbull, Norma McKellar.
Missionary Reports—Shirley Page, Peggy Elliott.
Pianist—Grace Page.

—Marjorie Poulton—12

F.D.H.S. Public Speaking

Competitive public speaking was resumed this year after a lapse of several years. The two elimination rounds were held in the school divided into four groups, namely: Junior and Senior Girls and Junior and Senior Boys. One competitor proceeding to the County Finals.

Our group lost out in the Regional Finals held in Leamington on January 22nd.

Competing were:

Senior Girls—Nadine Sheridan, XII.
Junior Girls—Beverly Harris, IX.
Senior Boys—Lewis Falconer, XII.
Junior Boys—Don MacLean, X.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Herr, English teachers, accompanied them to Leamington. They did not win but expressed a willingness to try again for W.O.S.S.A.

—Pat Finlay—XI.

ATHLETIC EXECUTIVE

Top, left to right:
Mary Hilborn, Glen Walker

Bottom:
Marilyn Dale, Wayne Walker

Bugle Band

Grade Nine Music

Last year Grade Nine Music was divided into separate classes for boys and girls. The result was more satisfactory as we were able to produce better singing, especially with the girls. The Girls' Choir sang at Commencement and competed at the Sarnia Music Festival, winning the Secondary School Trophy.

This year the girls provided music for the Commencement singing "The Lord's Prayer" and "Jerusalem" by Parry. Each Monday at three-ten, girls from grades nine, ten and eleven join voices at choir practise. Besides singing for enjoyment they entertained at "Open House" and are practising to compete at the May Festival in Sarnia. The test piece is "Hey Derry, Down Derry" from the Peasant Cantata by Bach.

—Miss Fawcett

School Dances

Everyone looks forward to our Annual Spring Formal and last year it was quite a success. Students, teachers and townspeople alike turned out in large numbers, making the dance not only enjoyable but profitable for the Students' Council as well. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of Helen Trick as Queen.

Since September of this year there have been several hops, the first of course being the Initiation Dance. Our new teachers proved themselves to be good sports along with all the "Freshies" who attended this event. Occasionally there were orchestras to supply the music, but usually we danced to records.

Most of these dances were held to celebrate some particular day such as Christmas or Valentine's Day. If the attendance of the students were greater they would likely be held more often. However, quite frequently the Students' Council has to dig into the treasury to pay for them.

Next year let us see more interest in these dances and remember all the students and teachers are welcome.

CADET TRAINING (In the Atomic Age)

March 1954 may go down as one of the great turning points in history. The trial explosions of the hydrogen bomb marks the introduction of a new era. Though few persons are asking such questions as—"Is the human race going to destroy itself?" and"Is there anything that can be done to avert annihilation in the event of another world war?"

Doubtless the same questions were asked in the past when artillery, machine guns and other weapons were first used. Yet always man has found ways of counteracting and defending himself against the latest means of destruction. It would seem reasonable to assume that a defence against the new weapons will in time be found.

One lesson history has made clear: the best defence against any menace, however terrible, is the determined and disciplined free spirit of man. Little Finlano, single handed but resolute, met the mighty Russian War machine in 1900's and in the end maintained her independence. France in 1940 depending on the powerful Maginot line went down to swift defeat while Britain disciplined determined and with superb leadership, saved herself and the free world from what seemed like certain catastrophe.

We shall probably soon experience marked charges in our educational system. We must adopt an education-for-survival programme. It is safe to prophesy that cadet training will assume an increasingly important position. It is likely, too, that a shifting of emphasis will occur in the cadet program itself.

In any system of defence there is no substitute for discipline when panic occurs, the cause is usually lost. In cadet training discipline may at first be imposed but soon the student learns the secret of self-discipline. This type, backed up by intelligent and informed opinion is the best safeguard against panic in time of emergency.

We may expect more attention to be given to the phase of cadet training called indoctrination. In this the basic principles of democracy are taught. A burning zeal for and faith in a cause, founded on sound knowledge, these backed up in disciplined action constitute a combination which is hard to defeat.

The quality of leadership will be of the utmost importance in the new era and the cadet corps constitutes one of the best fields for the training of leaders. The beginner learns to obey and carry out commands promptly and smartly. Later he has an equal chance with all his classmates to become an N.C.O. or officer. The practice and training received in these positions stand him in good stead either in peace or war. When he takes his place in his community.

The March 16th issue of the Globe and Mail carried a news column in which Alfred Cowling, a prominent Toronto Member of Parliament was quoted as follows: "Those with cadet training are far better equipped in life. The training is important these days even if they never go to war." Commenting on Mr. Cowling remarks Dr. Dunlop, our Ontario Minister of Education stated, "I am all for cadet corps and we have them in most of our schools. We should encourage them."

Mr. Cowling and Dr. Dunlop reflect the opinion of an increasing number of citizens in all walks of life.

—Mr. R. L. Manning

Forest High Rifles

This club being in its fifth year is still a very active organization in this school. It teaches the boys the proper use of .22 and .303 rifles, and safety precautions in using these weapons.

Various .22 competitions are fired during the winter months such as the D.C.R.A. and the Annual Classifications. In these matches the qualifications for awards is 80 or better.

During the spring months the boys switch from shooting .22's to using the Enfield .303 which are used at the range at Camp Ipperwash. Here is where they practice for the coming .303 match which is held at Long Branch near the end of May. The award for this competition is money if you are good enough. Last year many boys were successful in this competition and were able to win as high as $9.00. **—By Roger Sutherland.**

AUTOGRAPHS

Impressions on Leaving School . .

"Ah! What relief! How consoling the dream of a new routine! We country folk take thought of no more monotonous sandwiches—salmon. Gad! ——"

—R .C. Rawlings

"With school doors closed, freedom gained and responsibility shouldered, come the new horizons of each, according to his choice. The possibilities unravel before us like an endless ribbon waiting to be patterned."

—Irene Clemens

"I shed no tears, no cry of regret."

"Later in life I'll look back and say to my grandchildren, 'school days are the happiest of your life.' But not yet!"

"The best thing to do is every year think of the funniest incident that happened, and, at the end of your school life you'll have something to remember."

—Christine Lloyd

"I'm finally going to emerge this June, forever. Well, I'm not going to say I'm sorry for that would be lying."

"The life outside of school may look fine, but remember, there will never be another job as soft as you had in "dear old" F.D.H.S.

—Alan Morningstar

"New friends were made each year, we met new teachers and fellowships grew among us."

"We will be proud and happy to have been a student in that school."

—Alma Briers

"We can now set our sights for higher goals and the education we received in high school will help us accomplish this."

—Sanford Cameron

"We remember trouble struggling through French literature with our homework half done.

"—the pungent odour of hydrogen sulphide permeating the lab.

"the 'purple and white' flying victorious at our first 'Five School Meet'."

—Eloise Pym

"Our teachers and principals we remember as friends who helped us along the rough, hard road to an education."

"—athletics, musical concerts, dances and cadet inspections, with pride and a little sorrow to be leaving these behind."

—Lorein Galbraith

"Sleep with visions of equations running through our heads.

"Someone's coming up the stairs to the bathroom. Its P (x,y). What slope? The stairs. What point? The bathroom. We've got the slope, we've got the point, we got the slope point form. But what form?

Thank goodness it was only a dream.

"But the end will not be miserable! We've all too many things ahead to let failure stand in our way. And I wish that every graduate of F.D.H.S. may leave it with this feeling of success and happiness, flavoured with just a tinge of regret."

—Helen Donald

"Only with the knowledge and experience which we have acquired, can we hope to conquer greater tasks of each day."

"We can give thanks in our own small high school for the role it played in the development of our youth so that "Sevire Volumnus" can live forever."

—Wesley Shea

COMMENCEMENT . .

The Forest District High School graduation ceremonies were held in the United Church auditorium on Friday, November 20. Seventy students and graduates took part.

A. E. Robinson, Principal of Medway High School, spoke to the graduates. Miss Eunice Rawlings delivered the valedictory. Miss Rawlings also received a special scholarship award from the Forest I.O.D.E. Branch. The I. O. D. E. also generously donated to the school a matched pair of photographs of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

ATHLETIC CUPS

Howard Fraleigh Cup (Senior Boys) — Ronald McInnis

William Lochead Cup (Intermediate Boys) — Stewart Saul

Junior Boys' Cup — Clarence Clark

Juvenile Boys' Cup — Henry Stienstra

Montgomery-Vincent Cup (Senior Girls) — Christine Lloyd

Henry Forbes Cup (Intermediate Girls) — Barbara Seymour

Junior Girls' Cup — Marianne Wien

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Rawlings Motors Trophy and Cheque (Shop—Grade X)—Glen Walker

Siddall Motor Sales—Trophy and Cheque (Shop—Grade XII)—Wesley Shea

R. J. Boyd Trophy—(General Proficiency —Grade IX)—Marianne Wien

Gordon Hawken Trophy—(General Proficiency—Grade X)—Mary Hilborn

Reg. Maylor Trophy—(General Proficiency—Grade XI)—Stephen Yanchula

Proctor Brothers Trophy—(General Proficiency—Grade XII)—Lorein Galbraith

Burney Brothers Trophy—(General Proficiency—Grade XIII)—Eunice Rawlings

John G. Gordon Trophy—(Grade XIII—Character, Leadership, Scholarship, Athletics) —Louise Woods.

The Henry Philp Medal and Cheque—(Mathematics)—Lorein Galbraith.

The Albert Williams Memorial Medal and Cheque—(Science)—Won by Lorein Galbraith. By reversion to Betty Ann Patterson.

The Duncan Trophy—(History) — Won by Lorein Galbraith. By reversion to Eileen Kernohan

The A. A. Hannan Cup and Cheque—(English)—Won by Lorein Galbraith. By reversion through Betty Paterscn to Helen Donald.

(Cheques fro mthe Rotary Club go with the Preceding four awards).

SPORTSMANSHIP SHIELDS AND CHEQUES

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Boy—Best Sportsmanship in Athletics—Shield and Cheque—Wayne Walker

SPECIAL PRIZES

Home Economics Prize—Muriel Patterson

I.O.D.E. Canadian History Prize—Margaret Lloyd

I.O.D.E. Scholarship—(Highest Standing in Grade XIII and proceeding to Advanced Training)—Eunice Rawlings

CADET AWARDS

Strathcona 303 Rifle Match—Ronald Webb, Blaine Wall

Strathcona Best Shot—Wesley Willis

SECONDARY SCHOOL HONOUR GRADUATION DIPLOMA

Ronald William Evans
Nancy Jane Gale
Mary Eileen Hamilton
Mildred Verna Harrison
Eunice Marie Rawlings
Irene Blanche Tremaine
Jean Ethel Wever
Anna Louise Woods
Emil Yanchula

SHAKESPEARE

In Memory of "Wild Bill" Shakespeare

Ye auld king of Scotland was clobbered to death
By his villainous servant, a guy called Macbeth
This horrible monster took over the throne
And murdered good people from Dublin to Scone
Macbeth was a dolt with an elephant's brain
For certain a man unable to reign
But his sly little wife under whom he would cower
Prodded him on in the quest of great power
In grasping for power unable to stop
He was without doubt on his way to the chop
Macbeth had a row with his dear friend Macduff
He threatened to shoot him and really got rough
So Macduff packed his duds for the wide open spaces
Said "I'm hitting for London. I'm off to the races."
Macbeth, he flew into a rage of distemper
Shouting, "Bring on my sword." He had a vile temper.
Straightforth to the home of Macduff he did run
Killed Macduff's wife and kids with his old Gatling gun.
When Macduff heard the news of his wife's sad disaster
He swore out revenge on this cruel-hearted master.
Returning from England with a group of the clan
Macduff met Macbeth and the fun then began
When the gun smoke cleared in the foggy damp weather
Macbeth lay out dead on the purple blue heather.

—Stanley S. Sitter, 13

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SHAKESPEARE AND ME

I wouldn't mind English—it isn't so bad,
If it wasn't for Shakespeare—he's driving me mad.
The language we speak doesn't seem quite the same;
To the least understanding I cannot lay claim.
Four plays we have taken and studied with zest;
The first one was "Caesar"—I liked it the best.
The next was "The Tempest". That story was queer,
For I have scorned fairies for many a year.
"Romeo and Juliet", a heart breaking tale,
After each test always left me quite pale.
Hamlet's adventures are now in the past,
But I'm sorry to say that he won't be the last.
Next year we must suffer another old play,—
Which leaves me with only one more thing to say,
That I'll try to promote that small letter "D",
The cause of this feud between Shakespeare and me.

—Jean James, 12

THE STRUGGLE

When summer holidays are over
And we trundle back to school
Then we make a firm resolve
That this year we will not fool.

Practice soon begins for field day
And we have to have some fun
We will concentrate on school work
After all the sports are done.

When track and field is over
And we have our first fall test
Somehow most of us make poor marks
Even though we try our best.

We know we have to settle down
We must get right on the beam
But it wouldn't hurt a little
To be on the soccer team.

When all soccer games are lost
And Christmas time comes roun'
We are faced with those exams
And they tend to knock us down.

After Christmas holidays
We have made our resolution
We will work quite hard at school
Or else we'll quit the institution.

At home we are met
With a loud retort
When we deliver
Our Christmas report

Father says get down to work
Mother says the same
Second from the bottom
Is a place of burning shame.

So we add an hour to study
For a feverish week or so
Then laziness o'ertakes us
And we let our homework go.

When the Easter time approaches
Then we warp and rack our brain
Although we think that all our work
Is being done in vain.

When we're given our report card
Then we get a great surprise
There appears a mark of seventy
Right before our bloomin' eyes.

That bit of work was easy
We can all now take a rest
When we limited our study
Then our marks came out the best

When the finals were approaching
We did skip a day of school
And went and caught pneumonia
Down at the swimming pool.

Through two weeks of pleasant June
On our backs in bed we lay
Instead of trying to study
We fooled our time away.

We write our June examinations,
Even though we think they reek.
For some rare unknown reason
All French words are turned to Greek.

In the middle of the summer
We find out the marks we've made
At the bottom of the letter,
Typed, repeat the same old grade.

—Thomas O. Byrns

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And all of the teachers look forward with glee
To the beginning of June and parting from me.

—Special Commercial

In Appreciation . .

We, the editors of this your year book, would like to direct your attention to those whose efforts made this publication possible.

Naturally we would first like to mention the people who purchased advertising space and without whose financial support we would have been unable to pay the necessary costs of this book. Our appreciation should be extended to them.

Next we wish to bring attention to the students who gave so unstintingly of their time. Pauline Chamberlain and Joan Thomson of 12 Special typed the proofs so that they would be ready for the publisher. All the necessary correspondence, no mean task, was handled by Jean James and Margaret Lloyd. And the excellence of the photography is due to Roger Sutherland, Don Pym, and Joe Van Steenkiste.

To all of you who helped in any way, and you are too numerous to mention individually, we wish to pass on the assurance that without your aid this edition would not have been complete. We hope that you take satisfaction in your magazine.

Forest District High School

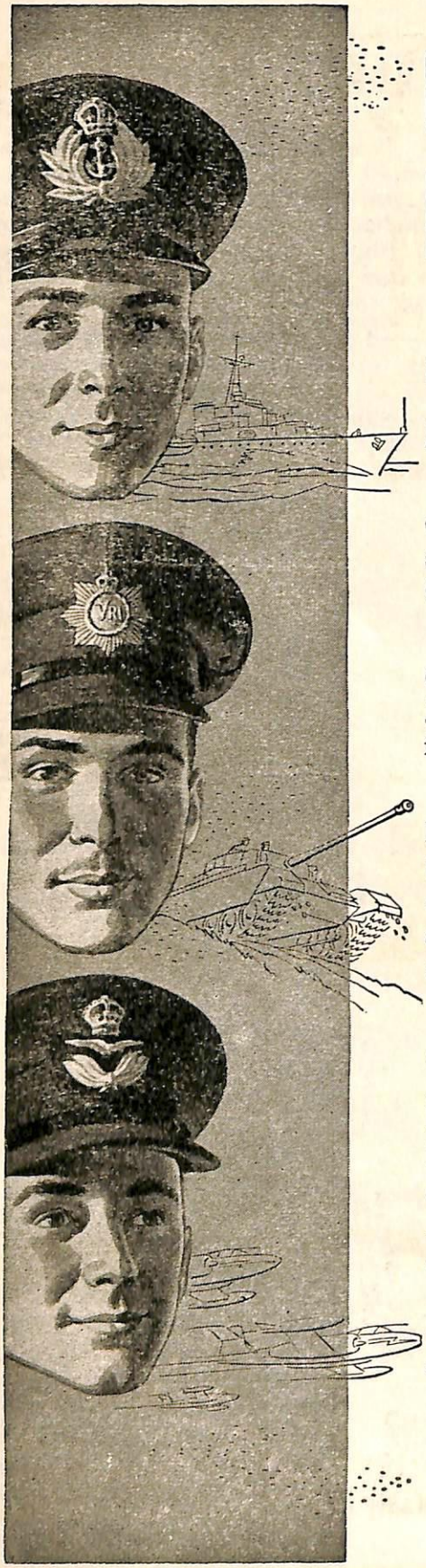
If to Congo land I fly
I must acclimate myself or fry.
According to the latest guide
I must be very well supplied
With knives and spears with points acute
To cope with guys of ill repute;

An old adage proved it so,
Don't accost a native Joe;
Who knows the boldest time to meet
An adequate supply of meat.
Please forgive my adverse wish
To enhance a native dish.

I'm very acrid I'm sure,
My flesh is very lean and poor.
Have you ever read the funnies
On the affability of monkeys?
The acoustic wealth is there
On the Congo jungle air.

Maybe I'd better stay at home,
And write this adolescent poem.
I'll live adjacent to my work,
Maybe just an office clerk.
Now I'll affix my litle seal
And go off home to eat my meal.

—**Floyd McIntyre**



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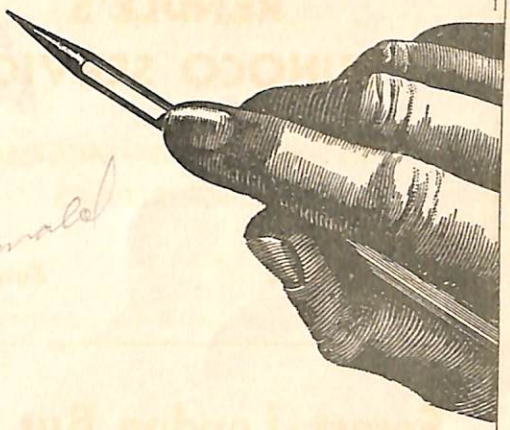

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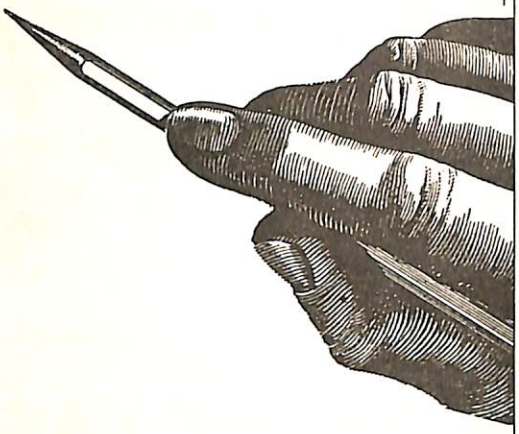

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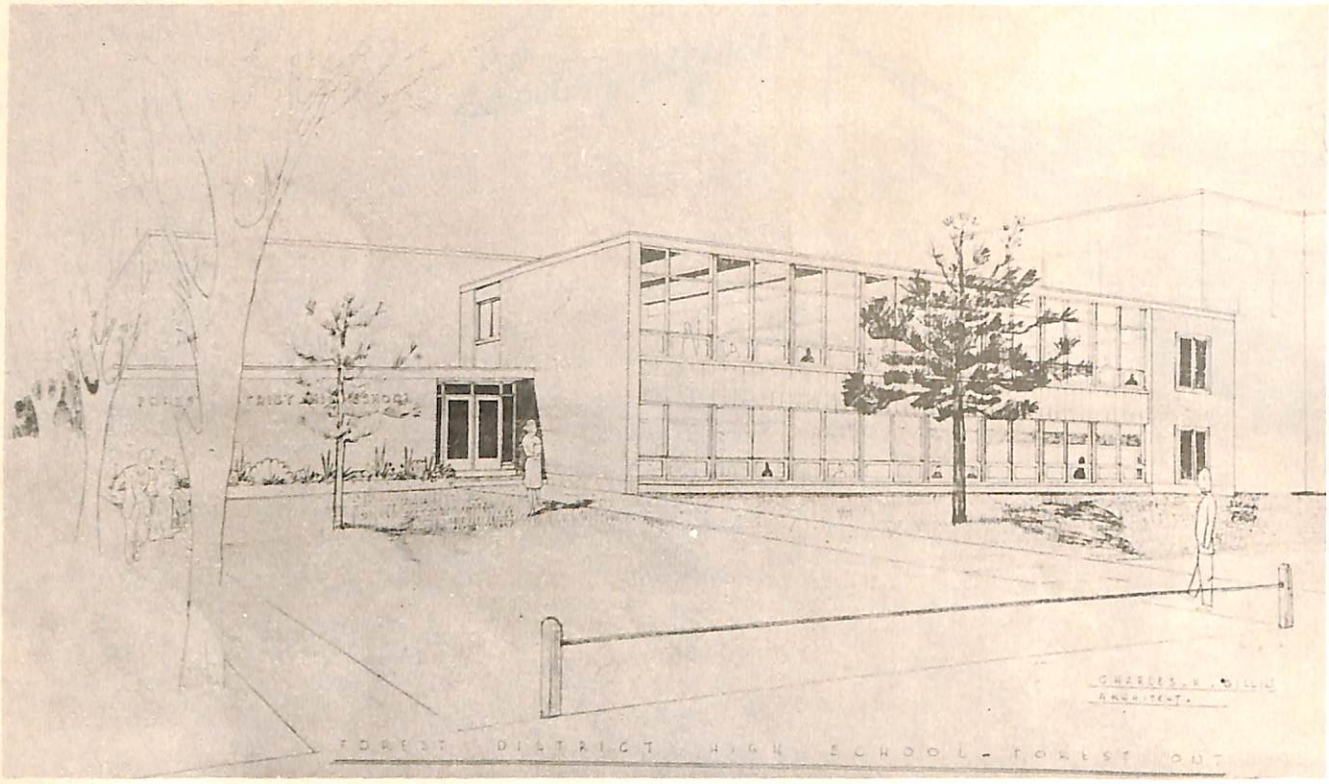

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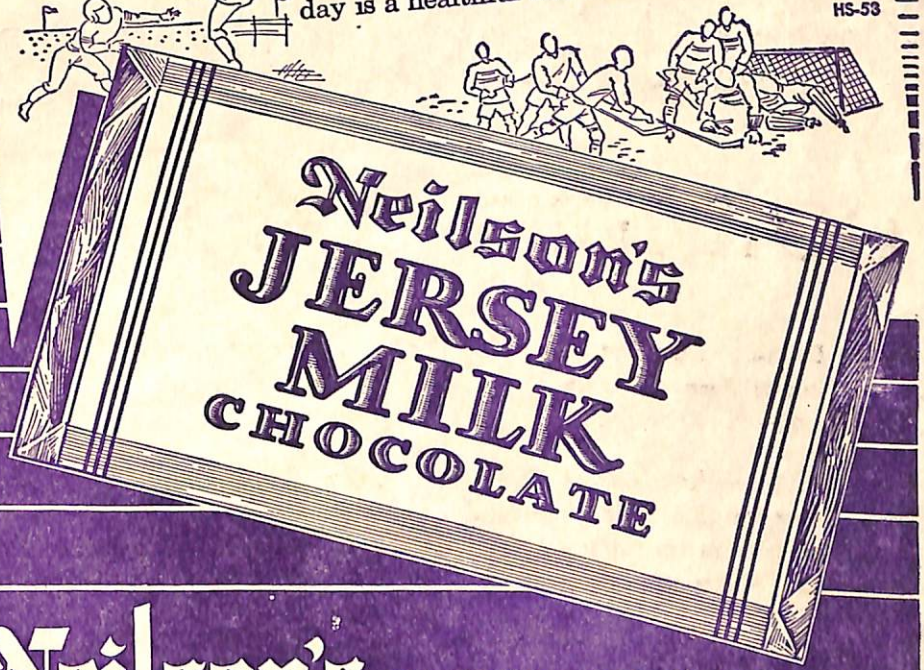

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